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Current quarantine measures.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, April 27, 1898.]

PLAGUE.

ITALY.—By ministerial order of April 13, the maritime sanitary police regulations passed May 8 and July 15, 1897, are made to apply to arrivals from the Hedjaz, as well as from Canton, Hongkong, and Macao.

TURKEY.—The International Council of Health at Constantinople resolved, April 4, that the 250 discharged soldiers now at Djiddah shall not be permitted to leave that city for the present to return to their homes. The 2,100 other discharged soldiers who have been sent to their homes from Mecca shall be detained at Ras-el-Abaid, 3 houses being assigned to each 700 men, and from there they shall be shipped in two or three steam vessels. Before they quarantine in the Suez Canal, where the season opens, by order of the Egyptian Government, May 1, they shall undergo disinfection of their effects and medical inspection at Camaran. The same measures shall be repeated at Klazomena. After May 1, they will be subject to quarantine at El Tor. There their effects shall be burned and they shall be provided with others.

EGYPT.—The International Council of Health at Alexandria resolved April 6 to suspend the plague regulations against arrivals from Ras-el-Abiad. The minister of the interior reported on the same day that pilgrims who have set out for the Hedjaz shall not be permitted to return home until plague is completely extinct.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The port of Hongkong was declared infected March 11. All vessels arriving from there shall undergo quarantine until nine days shall have elapsed either since date of departure or date of the last plague death on board, unless dispensed from said quarantine by the health officers.

YELLOW FEVER.

SPAIN.—By royal order of April 11, quarantine is ordered for vessels which left Rio de Janeiro after March 10. By the same order, ports not more than 165 kilometers distance from Rio de Janeiro are declared infected. The royal order of July 28, 1893, is applied to the landing of cargoes in the port of Vigo.

BARBADOS.

Quarantine against smallpox and yellow fever.

BARBADOS, April 30, 1898.

SIR: I have been directed by my board to state that Santos, Puerto Cabello, Valencia, and La Guayra have been declared to be infected places under the quarantine act; the latter place in consequence of its being in daily communication with Puerto Cabello, by which means persons from Puerto Cabello can get to this island by the Royal Mail Steamers from La Guayra.

All quarantine restrictions against Jamaica were removed on the 15th instant.

The British consul's reports from Para give the deaths from yellow fever as 37 in January, 26 in February, 15 in March, and 1 to April 14.

Quarantine is also in force here against Bahia, Cuba, Para, and Rio de Janeiro.

I have also been directed to state, and I do so with very much satisfaction, that Her Majesty's consuls at French Guiana, Dutch Guiana, Martinique, and Guadeloupe, the Government of St. Thomas, and the quarantine boards of British Guiana, Trinidad, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, St. Kitts, and Jamaica have agreed to exchange information with the quarantine board of this colony on all matters relating to quarantine which come within their knowledge, which information my board will at once communicate to all other parties to the arrangement. My board venture to think that this arrangement will be found to be of very great advantage to all the parties to it.

As an instance of the facilities afforded by the present quarantine rules and regulations for loading vessels in quarantine, I may mention that the steamship *Horatio* arrived here at 7.10 p. m. on the 18th instant and started to load at 6 a. m. on the 19th; completed loading, taking 1,374 hogsheads and 7,970 bags of sugar, equal to 2,171 tons, and sailed at noon on the 21st, having taken thirty hours to load and stow the 2,171 tons.

By the mail this morning, I received the following letter from the quarantine board of Trinidad:

From the secretary to the quarantine authority, Trinidad, to the clerk of the quarantine board, Barbados.

APRIL 28, 1898.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, which was laid before a meeting of the quarantine authority on the 22d instant. At that meeting the board resolved:

That in view of private information received that Caracas and La Guayra were infected with smallpox, the quarantine authority would advise his excellency the governor to declare Caracas and La Guayra infected places within the meaning of section 5 of ordinance 18 of 1893.

These places were accordingly declared infected places.

At a meeting held on the 25th instant to consider a statement made by Dr. Prada relative to the existence of 3 cases of smallpox at the island of Marguerita, Dr. Prada informed the members that he had received the information from private and reliable sources; and in view of the frequent communication between La Guayra and Marguerita and the other ports of the north coast of Venezuela, the quarantine authority advised the governor to declare all the ports on the north coast of Venezuela to the westward of Cape Paria and the islands adjacent thereto to be infected places within the meaning of section 5 of ordinance 18 of 1893.

These ports were also declared infected places accordingly.

This morning the Dutch steamer *Prins Willem II* arrived from La Guayra and Carupano with a certificate from the British minister at Caracas—a copy of which is annexed herewith—and with clean bills of health from the British consuls at Caracas and La Guayra.

At a meeting of the quarantine authority subsequently, the board resolved:

That, in the presence of the certificate of the British minister at Caracas and of the clean bills of health from the British consuls at La Guayra, his excellency the governor be moved to withdraw the notification issued in regard to La Guayra and Caracas and the coast to the westward of Cape Paria and the islands adjacent thereto.

The board resolved further:

That all arrivals from the above-named ports be dealt with under section 11 of ordinance 18 of 1893, as "suspected vessels."

His excellency the governor approved of the resolutions of the quarantine authority, and the *Prins Willem II* was granted pratique. H. W. BRATHWAITE, *Secretary*.

[Certificate.]

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no case of smallpox has occurred lately at Caracas and La Guayra, and I have, since the outbreak at Valencia